

FIGHTING WOMEN.

[Correspondence of an English paper.] Woman soldiers have been more numerous in foreign armies than in the English service. I may mention a few.

In the French army, for instance, there were (among others) Louise Houssaye de Bannes, who served from 1792 to 1795, and was at Quiteron; Angeliue Bruion nee Duchemin (for she was married), sous-lieutenant of infantry and decorated with the Legion of Honor, who was born in 1772, and died, I believe, in the Invalides about 1859; Therese Figueur, who served as a dragoon for fourteen years, from 1798 to 1812, and had four horses killed under her (she died in 1861, at the age of eighty-seven, in the Hospice des Pottis Menages at Paris); Virginie Chesheres, who served during the Peninsula war as a sergeant in the Twenty-seventh regiment, and died in 1873.

Louise Scinagatti was a lieutenant of infantry in the Austrian or Sardinian army during the Napoleon wars. Marietta Giuffanti and Herminia Manelli fought under Garibaldi in 1866; Herminia was at the battle of Custoza.

Augusta Kruger fought in the War of Liberation against the French as a subaltern in the Ninth Prussian regiment, and was decorated with the Iron Cross and Russian Order of St. George; she (after leaving the army) married a brother officer in 1816, and in 1869 her grandson received a commission in his grandmother's regiment.

Bertha Weiss is said to have fought at Spieheren in 1870, but I am not sure that her case is genuine.

The most recent instances I know of are the following three: "A young Russian officer" (her name is not given) whom the Times' correspondent, on September 29, 1877, reported to have fallen at Kaevojevo, after displaying the most brilliant gallantry in rallying her men against the Turks; Sylvio Mariotti, a private in the Eleventh battalion Bersaglieri, who served from 1866 to 1879, and who fought at Custoza; and Dolores Rodriguez, corporal (at the age of eighteen) in the First regiment of Peruvian Sappers. She, it appears, fought in the present South American war, and is still in service.

THE LARGEST MAN.—McCabe's History gives the following account of a gigantic North Carolinian: "The largest man on record was Miles Darden, a native of North Carolina, who was born in 1798, and who died in Tennessee in 1867. He was seven feet and six inches high, and weighed 872 pounds. At his death he weighed a little over 1000 pounds. In 1839 his coat was buttoned around three men, each of them weighing over 200 pounds, who walked together in it across the square at Lexington. In 1850 it required 134 yards of cloth, one yard wide, to make him a coat. Until 1863 he was active and lively and able to bear labor, but from that time was compelled to stay at home or be hauled about in a two-horse wagon. His coffin was 8 feet long, 32 inches across the breast, 18 inches across the head, and 14 inches across the feet. It required 24 yards of black-velvet to cover the sides and lids of the coffin."

FORCE OF HABIT.—It is stated that there is one regiment in the Russian army made up of American commercial drummers. While fighting in Central Asia, they met one tribe that still clings to the old Chinese method of fighting by beating gongs. The regiment was on the run when the gong corps came on the field. The result was a terrible surprise to the Chinese. The drummers had not been well fed, and they hadn't heard a gong since they left America. The sudden and desperate rush they made in the direction from which the gongs came was irresistible. It was such a rush as they made for hotel dining-rooms. They swept all before them, turning defeat into victory. But they were awfully disappointed when they found out why the gongs were rung.—Boston Post.

Resistance to the new prohibitory laws of Kansas has gone so far that while juries in the cities refuse to convict liquor sellers, even upon the clearest evidence, in Atchison the Common Council, with the cooperation of its presiding officer, the Mayor, has adopted an ordinance providing for the granting of licenses to taverns and saloons. This action was taken in express ridicule and defiance of the prohibitory constitutional amendment and the laws based upon it. The temperance men have since then had a mass meeting, and call upon the Mayor to resign, while Gov. St. John threatened to call out the militia and put the laws into execution by force of arms. All this because the population of the cities is not willing to be deprived of its beer by the rural population's temperance predilections.

AN OHIO GIRL'S FOOT.—An Albany shoe factory has received a diagram of a foot from a trustworthy correspondent at Sandusky, Ohio. The girl placed her bare foot upon a sheet of paper, and a pencil mark was drawn close around the outline. The foot, as shown by the diagram, is exactly 17 inches long, 7 1/2 inches wide at the widest part, and could take a No. 26 boot, though a No. 30 would be just the thing. The ball of the foot is 19 inches around, instep 14 inches, and the heel measures 22 inches. The ankle measures 16 1/2 inches. This immense pedal adorns the person of Miss Mary Wells, of Sandusky, Ohio, whose weight is 160 pounds, and she is but seventeen years old.—Troy Times.

The old alchemists, in their search for the philosopher's stone, left no mixture of familiar or unfamiliar ingredients untried. An ancient work, called "The Gold-Maker's Guide," contains this promising formula: "Take of the gait of a black tomcat, killed when the night approacheth, one part; of the brains of a night-owl, taken from out its head when the morning dawneth, five parts; mix in the hoof of an ass when the tide turneth; leave it until it doth breed maggots; place it on thy breast-bone when the moon shineth bright—and thou wilt see a sight which the eye of mortal man ne'er beheld afore."

My dear friend, clear your mind of cant. You may talk as other people do; you may say to a man: "Sir, I am your humble servant." You are not his humble servant. You may say: "These are bad times; it is a melancholy thing to be reserved to such times." You don't mind the times. You tell a man: "I am sorry you had such bad weather the last day of your journey, and were so much wet." You don't care a sixpence whether he is wet or dry. You may talk in this manner; it is a mode of talking in society; but don't think foolishly.—Samuel Johnson.

SELECTED VERSE.

FAIR ROSES.

Sweet roses white, sweet roses red, And you, my roses yellow! See, now, how much delight they give To yonder little fellow! He stands outside the wicker gate, His chubby hands upon it, While near by stands his sister small, In a little gypsy bonnet. Two rosy faces raised to mine, They quite upset me, surely; Four eyes as blue as heaven's skies Are looking up demurely. Aye, what were flowers made for, dears, Especially fair roses, But to be plucked by childish hands, And held to baby noses. So I will give you each a flower, And one for darling mother. "Oh!" says the maiden, earnestly, "One more for baby brother." Then off they toddle, side by side, The little girl and fellow, So pleased to have a bunch of leaves, With roses red, and yellow. Then, if your lovely gift but brings A smile to care-worn faces— If you bring joy to one sad heart, Among the crowd that paces Before my garden beds to-day— O roses, full of beauty, Your mission will be well fulfilled And nobly done your duty. —Maud Miller.

BE CONTENT.

It may not be our lot to wield The sickle in the ripened field; Nor ours to hear, on Summer eves, The reaper's song among the sheaves. Yet where our duty's task is wrought In unison with God's great thought, The near and future blend in one, And whatsoever is willed is done. —John G. Whittier.

AFTER THE BALL.

They sat and combed their beautiful hair, Their long, bright tresses one by one, As they laughed and talked in their chamber there, After the revel was done. Idly they talked of waltz and quadrille; Idly they laughed, like other girls, Who over the fire, when all is still, Comb out their braids and curls. Robes of satin and Brussels lace, Knots of flowers, and ribbons, too, Scattered about in every place, After the revel is through. And Maud and Madge, in robes of white, The prettiest night-gowns under the sun, Stockingless, slipperless, sit in the night, After the revel is done— Sit and comb their beautiful hair, Those wonderful waves of brown and gold, Till the fire is out in the chamber there, And the little bare feet are cold.

When out of the gathering Winter chill, All out of the bitter St. Agnes weather, While the fire is out, the house is still, Maud and Madge together— Maud and Madge, in robes of white, The prettiest night-gowns under the sun, Curtained away from the chilly night, After the revel is done, Float along in a splendid dream, To a golden gittern's tinkling tune, While a thousand lustrous shimmering stream In a palace's grand saloon— Flashes of jewels and tatters of faces, Tropical odors sweeter than musk, Men and women with beautiful faces, And eyes of beautiful dusk; And one face shining like a star, One face haunting the dreams of each, And one voice sweeter than others are, Breaking in silvery speech; Telling through lips of bearded bloom An old, old story o'er again, As down the royal-bannered room, To a golden gittern's strain, Two and two they dreamily walk, While an unseen spirit walks beside, And all unheard, in lover's talk, He claimeth one for his bride.

O Maud and Madge, dream on together, With never a pang of jealous fear! For ere the bitter St. Agnes weather, Shall whiten another year, Robed for the bridal and robed for the tomb, Braided brown hair and golden tress, There'll be only one of you left for the bloom Of the bearded lips to press! Only one robe for the bridal pearls, The robe of satin and Brussels lace— Only one to blush through her curls At sight of a lover's face. O beautiful Madge, in your bridal white! For you the revel has just begun; But for her who sleeps in your arms to-night, The revel of life is done. But robed and crowned with saintly bliss, Queen of heaven and bride of the sun, O beautiful Maud, you'll never miss The kisses another has won. —Nora Perry.

HIS OWN TO EACH.

"The world is very small—so small it is," Smiling said one, "that none need ever miss His own; for it is sure to come, by way Undreamed of, on some happy, golden day." "The world is very wide," another sighed; "So measureless the spaces that divide, That one may seek, and journey on alone, From birth to death, and never find his own." "The world is beautiful and bright," said one; "The red rose opens to the waning sun; In bosky depths the wild birds fit, and sing To cooling mates, with never-tiring wing." "The world is very sad," the other sighed, "And over-full of grass, though deep and wide, The great sea throbs with never-ceasing moan, And only death can give to each his own." —Harriet Trowbridge.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION TO ME DIRECTED, I issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah, upon a judgment rendered in said Court on the 23 day of December, 1880, in favor of State of Oregon, Plaintiff, and against Peter Schmeier, Defendant, for the sum of Two Hundred and Sixty-Five and 15-100 Dollars (\$265.15), with interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, and costs of suit and accruing costs, I did, on the 8th day of July, 1881, levy upon the above-named Defendant's real property, situated in Multnomah County, State of Oregon, to-wit: All the right, title and interest of said Defendant in and to Lot Seven (7) and Eight (8) in Section 36, Township 1 North, Range 1 East. Now, therefore, by virtue of said execution, on Saturday, the 8th day of August, 1881, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., at the Court House door in said County, I will sell at public auction the above-described real property of said Defendant to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said execution, costs and accruing costs. JOSEPH BUCHTEL, Sheriff of Multnomah County, Oregon. Dated July 14, 1881. 5t

SUMMONS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON for the County of Multnomah, ss.—Amanda A. Lovell, Plaintiff, vs. Charles L. Lovell, Defendant.—To Charles L. Lovell, Defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above-entitled suit within ten days from the date of the service of this summons upon you, if served within Multnomah County, or if served in any other County in this State, then within twenty days from the date of the service of this summons upon you, or if served by publication of this summons, or otherwise, then by the first day of the next regular term of the above-entitled Court next following the expiration of six weeks' publication hereof, to-wit: Monday, the 5th day of September, A. D. 1881; and if you fail to answer, for the want thereof, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to-wit: for a dissolution of the marriage contract existing between Plaintiff and Defendant, and that Plaintiff have the future care, custody and control of the minor children described in the complaint, and for such other and further relief as is just and equitable. The service of this summons upon you by publication is made in pursuance of an order made by the above-entitled Court the 19th day of July, A. D. 1881, directing that it be published once a week for six consecutive weeks in the NEW NORTHWEST. C. BEAL, Attorney for Plaintiff. jy21 U

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